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# PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

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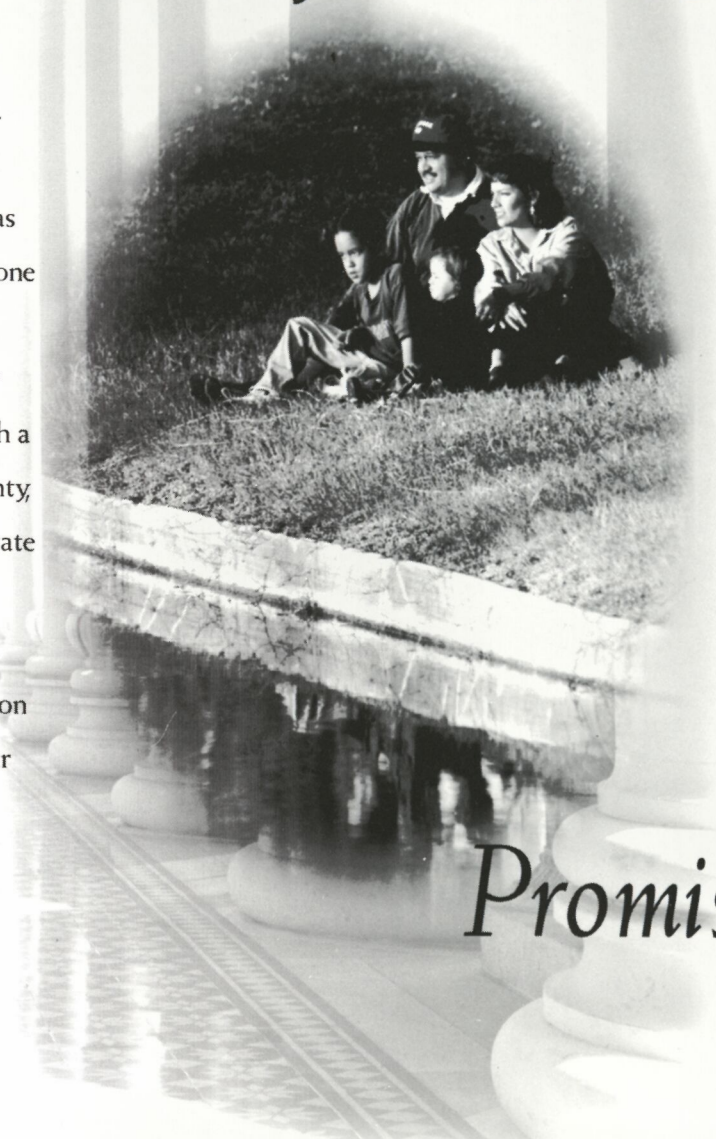
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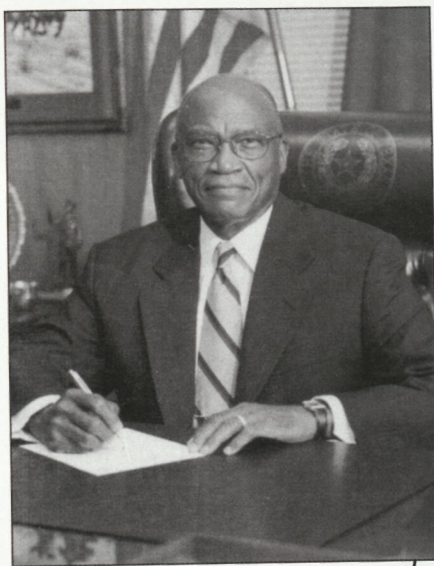
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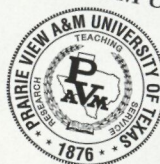




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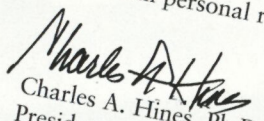
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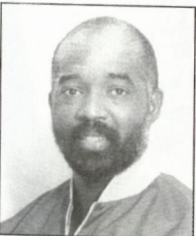
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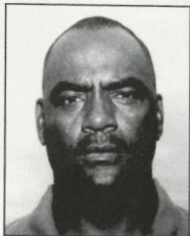
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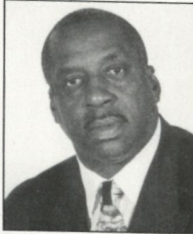
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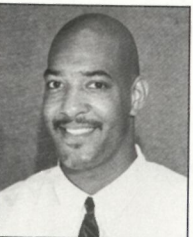
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Twenty-seven years ago the Sheridan Broadcasting Network proposed the germ of an idea: to conduct a post-season honors banquet to name an annual All-America Black College football team, name a national Black College football champion and to present some special scholarship awards.

As with most new ideas there was a lot of hard work and a humble beginning. That inaugural dinner was held in 1975 in a gymnasium in New York City. The first event may have, indeed, been humble, but there was no doubt it was an idea whose time had come. It has since grown to become the most important event of the year for all Black College football, thanks in substantial part to the sponsorship support and scholarship funds provided by the Chevrolet Motor Division.

Whenever there is college football you will always find Chevrolet close at hand. Last year's SBN Sports Black College All-American Awards Dinner marked Chevrolet's 13th consecutive year as a major sponsor and scholarship donor.

Said Brian Boyd, Brand Promotional Manager for the Chevrolet Motor Division, "Chevrolet is both pleased and proud with its commitment to recognize the achievement of the student-athletes who play football at America's historically Black Colleges. The awarding of Chevrolet scholarships is an important part of our commitment to education."

Ronald R. Davenport, co-chairman and majority owner of American Urban Radio Networks of which Sheridan Broadcasting Network is a division, said, "As in any endeavor, it takes a lot of people to make it work successfully. Over the past 13 years our friends at Chevrolet Motor Division have been our staunchest ally. This event has become a very important tribute to our country's Black Colleges and to the recognition of scholarship achievement. Chevrolet has supported us with sponsorship and scholarship grants. Other companies have also helped with sponsorship and we are grateful to all of them."

Davenport added, "I recall talking with John Stallworth, who played at Alabama A&M University, at one of the earlier banquets and back then John told me how important an event it was to him. I knew then we had hit on something that was vital to the recognition of Black College football." Stallworth, sports fans will recall, went on from that banquet to a career with the Pittsburgh Steelers and their great run of Super Bowl championships.

One of the highlights of the annual dinner is the presentation of four scholarships sponsored by Chevrolet. They include the SBN/Doug Williams offensive player of the year, the SBN/Mel Blount

defensive player of the year, the SBN/Eddie Robinson coach of the year award and the SBN/Jake Gaither trophy presented to the team selected as the National Black College football champions.

Chevrolet awards annually to each a \$5,000 scholarship which is given in the name of the recipient to his alma mater's general scholarship fund. Last year's awards went to JaJuan Seider of Florida A&M as the offensive player of the year, to Deon Hunt of Hampton as the defensive player of the year, to Bill Hayes of North Carolina A&T as coach of the year and to North Carolina A&T as Black College national champions.



Jerry Lopes, president of program operations and affiliations for American Urban Radio Networks, is shown delivering opening remarks at the 1998 SBN Sports Black College All-American Awards Dinner in Atlanta.

The maturation of this SBN sports happenings into one of the nation's most significant annual events is the product of motive, dedication, commitment to America's historically Black Colleges and the need for recognition of African-American achievement.

In a way, it all started when the Mutual Broadcasting System evolved into the Mutual Black Network. It was

Ron Davenport who purchased half interest in the Mutual Black Network before taking over complete ownership in 1978. It was then Davenport changed the name to Sheridan Broadcasting Network.

In 1992 Sheridan Broadcasting Network partnered with the National Black Network to form what is now the American Urban Radio Networks, one of the nation's largest broadcast networks with affiliates in every major city,

American Urban Radio Networks ranks No. 1 among Black consumer radio listeners with a 60% share of audience. The American Urban Radio Networks has its home office in Pittsburgh, its executive office in New York, and bureaus and other offices in Washington, DC, Chicago, Detroit and Atlanta.

With AURN's full forces behind the annual dinner and the support of Chevrolet the event has grown into a three-day weekend, including a golf tournament, a VIP reception and a "Skull Session" luncheon where some of the greatest Black College football stars of the past come back to give their time to counsel the current All-Americans and award recipients.

Each year many of the great Black College athletes of past years have voluntarily come back to participate in the weekend events and to add to the prestige of the SBN dinner. This year's honorary committee, for example, includes L.C. Greenwood, Robert Brazile, Mel Blount, Greg Lloyd, Doug Williams, Rick Upchurch, Jimmy Harris, Ken Burroughs, Everson Walls, Larry Little and Lem Barney.

E.J. (Jay) Williams, a graduate of St. Paul's College and president



# SBN All-American Black College Dinner

of AURN, noted, "Back in 1987 it was a dinner held in various cities, first in New York, then Richmond, Baltimore, Winston-Salem, New Orleans and Pittsburgh before finally establishing a permanent home in Atlanta. The weekend event now gives the young men a broad-based weekend of meaningful exposure and experience. It is our intent that next year the weekend activities will receive additional exposure on television's "Black College Life", a weekly series."

Perhaps the meaning of what this event has accomplished for Black College football occurred in 1993 when at that year's dinner SBN named it's all-time Black College football team. The SBN all-time team includes quarterback Doug Williams (Grambling); running backs the late Walter Payton (Jackson State) and Paul (Tank) Younger (Grambling); receivers Jerry Rice (Mississippi Valley), John Stallworth (Alabama A&M) and Charlie Joiner (Grambling); offensive linemen Art Shell (Maryland State), Ernie Barnes (North Carolina Central), Rayfield Wright (Fort Valley State), Jackie Slater (Jackson State), Larry Little (Bethune-Cookman); linebackers Robert Brazile (Jackson State), Harry Carson (South Carolina State), Willie Lanier (Morgan State); defensive backs Mel Blount (Southern), Lem Barney (Jackson State), Everson Walls (Grambling), Ed Jones (Tennessee State), David Jones (South Carolina State) and L.C. Greenwood (Arkansas A&M).

Said Jerry Lopes, president of program operations and affiliations for American Urban Radio Networks, "Naming an all-time team generated a lot of attention for Black College football. Proudly, it is a

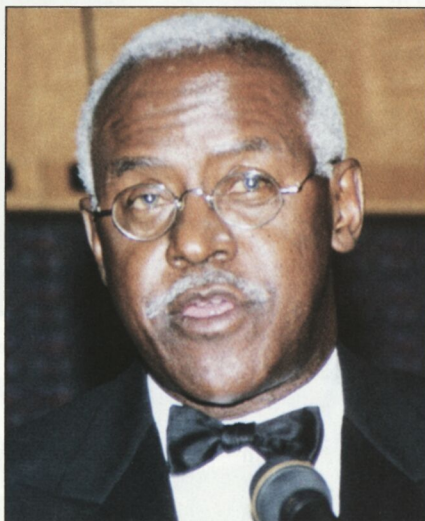
team that includes some of the greatest players in history, both from the collegiate ranks and the National Football League. Every one of those players from Black Colleges moved on to all-star status, not only in the NFL, but in life."

Another huge part of Chevrolet's commitment to education is its on-going Chevrolet Most Valuable Player of the Game Award which is tied into the telecasts of college football games.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Chevrolet's MVP scholarship awards. All football fans in the country have come to anticipate the moment near the end of a college football telecast when the announcer says, "And at the conclusion of today's game, we will be selecting the Chevrolet Most Valuable Player of the game from each school. Chevrolet will donate \$1,000 to each school's general scholarship fund to reward outstanding students for their academic achievement and to assist those in financial need."

And bear in mind, this is not limited to the one game you may have watched. On most Saturdays, ABC, for example, may carry three to five regional telecasts, hence six to 10 players are being honored. In the last 29 years, Chevrolet donations to college scholarship funds are upwards of \$7.5 million.

Mac Whisner, Truck Advertising and Sales Promotion Director for Chevrolet, said "In the last 29 years the Chevrolet Most Valuable Player of the Game Award has become synonymous with the telecasting of College football games. Chevrolet's investment in continuing education provides an important return for all of us, a return that can not be measured in terms of dollar value."



Ronald R. Davenport, co-chairman of American Urban Radio Networks, addresses The SBN Black College Dinner

Lower left, Deon Hunt of Hampton accepts award as 1999 Defensive Player of the Year from L.C. Greenwood, former Arkansas A&M and NFL star. Lower right, pictured are (left to right) Ronte Smith who is Marketing Area Manager-Atlanta for General Motors; JaJuan Seider, 1999 Offensive player of the Year from Florida A&M University; and Doug Williams, current head coach at Grambling and 1987 Super Bowl MVP as quarterback of the Washington Redskins.





# Dr. LeRoy T. Walker: A Perfect Role Model

In the family pecking order he was the youngest of 13 children raised by his mother and older brothers and sisters. He spent his first eight years in Atlanta, then moved to Harlem in New York City to live with an older brother.

It is not likely that neighbors in Atlanta or Harlem could possibly envision the full scope of what this little tyke, who lived through the Great Depression, as well as prejudice and poverty, would go on to accomplish. But, from his earliest years, LeRoy T. Walker had the strength of his family's love, religious value and the guiding principle of hard work.

LeRoy Walker knew even as a lad he wanted an education. He possessed an innate drive, an uncommon desire to achieve. He instinctively knew that to get where he wanted to go would require sacrifice and hard work.

His first step along the way was to graduate from Harren High School in New York City. The next major step took him to Columbia, SC to enroll at Benedict College, one of America's historically Black Colleges.

Benedict College, founded in 1870, was almost a breeze for a hungry young man. He graduated Magna Cum Laude in three and a half years. With that degree in his portfolio he went back to New York to enroll at Columbia University where he earned his masters degree in health sciences and physical education. The final step in the search for education culminated when in 1957 he received his PhD from New York University.

Today, at age 82, Dr. LeRoy T. Walker's biographical sketch would require its own chapter in Who's Who in America. He went on to reach the zenith of a career in education and sports as no man before him.

That career pinnacle was achieved in October 1992 when he was the first African-American to be named president of the U.S. Olympic Committee in the USOC's then 100-year history.

Dr. Walker served a four-year term as USOC president from October 1992 through October 1996. It marked a magnificent milestone in a brilliant career.

His activities with the U.S. Olympics spanned over 35 years alone. His hard work paid off in 1976 when he became the first African-American to be named head track and field coach of the team that competed in Montreal.

When he began his coaching career it was primarily as a football coach. He started at his alma mater Benedict College and later taught and coached at Bishop College and then at Prairie View A&M in Texas before moving on to North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC, a community that has been his home ever since.

At North Carolina Central, Dr. Walker coached 111 trackmen who were named All-Americans, 40 national individual champions and 12 athletes who competed on Olympic teams, including two who won Gold Medals, high hurdler Lee Calhoun and marathoner Abebe Bikila.

As part of his work with U.S. Olympic teams he served as USOC treasurer and chair of the budget committee during the 1989-92 quadrennial. Prior to ascending to the presidency of the USOC he was senior vice president of sport for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games held in Atlanta. On July 19, 1996, the night of the Centennial Games opening ceremony Dr. LeRoy T. Walker lead the march of the U.S. team into Olympic Stadium before 80,000 spectators and a worldwide television audience of 3.5 billion viewers.

In 1991 he was Chef de Mission for the U.S. delegation at the



Dr. LeRoy T. Walker (right) is pictured chatting with South Carolina State University's legendary head football coach Willie Jeffries last summer when Dr. Walker was a guest speaker at the Orangeburg, SC, campus.

Olympic Games in Barcelona. At various times he coached and consulted with Olympic teams from Israel, Ethiopia, Jamaica, Kenya and Trinidad-Tobago.

It was at Benedict College he got his feet wet in intercollegiate sports. At Benedict he was a standout in football, basketball and track and field. In 1940 as quarterback of the Benedict football team he was named an All-American.

Once he settled into North Carolina Central University as a teacher and coach, this amazing man incredibly rose from coach to the position of Chancellor of the University, an unprecedented accomplishment.

By the way, he also served as Commissioner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference for four years, 1971-74. And somehow, he found time to serve as president of The Athletics Congress (TAC) which is now U.S. Track & Field; and was a U.S. delegate to the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the governing body for all track and field.

Then, when he had a few moments to relax, he wrote four books on the subject of sports and physical education.

He has received honorary degrees from schools such as North Carolina Central, Duke, Morehouse College, Tuskegee, Wake Forest, Springfield College, Princeton and others.

If his complete life story was submitted to a Hollywood scriptwriter, it would probably be returned with a notation that read, "Get real. One man could not have accomplished all that."

But he did. Dr. LeRoy T. Walker holds strong views when it comes to the matter of what a person can achieve. Of his life and career he says, "For young people, role models are, indeed, important. When I moved to live with my brother Joe in Harlem, he was a role model to me. I had other role models and early on they led me to believe that you must have goals in life and then work to get where you want to go."

Dr. Walker will tell you, "The Good Lord does not give out talent by zip codes. If a person is raised in a ghetto, in poverty or whatever handicaps are there, you can not allow your environment to dictate what you can become, what you can achieve. A person will always face setbacks, some discouraging ones, but each of us must keep focused. If others now view me as a role model that is a responsibility I accept. We must have role models." □



# From Internship With NFL Eagles Michael Wilson Makes Mark In Sports

When J. Michael Wilson was still in the process of doing his undergraduate work at the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore he was selected to do an internship with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League. That was in 1985. He was still two years away from completing his degree work at Maryland-Eastern Shore. The internship was quite a feather in Michael Wilson's cap.

Looking back at that internship with the Philadelphia Eagles, Wilson said, "To be selected for that internship with the Eagles was a real honor for me. I knew I wanted to be in sports in some capacity and that summer of experience was an eye-opener. I got a better feel of everything and during my last two years at Maryland-Eastern Shore my studies took on an added meaning."

Since that summer of 1985 J. Michael Wilson has moved steadily upward in his career. Seven years ago he was given his first opportunity to work on an international basis when he was offered the position as assistant director of the U.S. Olympic Committee's Public and Media Relations office.

He got his feet wet in that position from 1994 to 1997 and was then promoted to Director of the Olympic Visitor Center and Community Relations.

This past June he was promoted to the newly formed position of Director of Athlete Relations. As the U.S. Olympic Committee recently underwent a massive overhaul, Wilson's work and accomplishments were recognized with these even broader duties.

Under the new Olympic structure, Wilson's department falls within the Media and Public Relations Division. The head of this division is Managing Director Mike Moran who said of Wilson when the announcement was made; "This important new program could not be in better hands with Michael Wilson. Mike brings us energy, vitality and creative talent in a new role that will benefit our current Olympic athletes, as well as our Olympic alumni."

In his new assignment, Wilson will oversee Athlete Marketing, Athlete Career Services and Alumni Relations.

Said Wilson, "As part of our strategic plan for the department we will focus on expanding our base of potential corporate and community organizations that utilize Olympic

athletes for personal appearances. The Athlete Career Services will open a career resources office within the Colorado Springs Olympic Complex and we will seek to expand the Olympic Job Opportunities Program. Our intent for our Alumni Relations arm will be to expand our communications with Olympic alumni and to broaden our relations with Olympic hopefuls."

Under this new structure, Wilson is also in charge of developing several athlete and alumni based websites to both inform and offer financial opportunities for future and former Olympians.



J. Michael Wilson... an Olympic career

Said Wilson; "I am excited by this new challenge. It was a great day for me when I was offered the opportunity to become a part of the U.S. Olympics. It makes all the previous years of hard work seem worthwhile."

His work in media relations actually started at Florida A&M University. After graduating from Maryland-Eastern Shore, Wilson enrolled at Florida A&M for further graduate studies. At Florida A&M he worked for one year (1987-88) as a graduate assistant in the Sports Information Department.

When he finished his stint at Florida A&M, he returned to his alma mater, Maryland-Eastern Shore, to be Sports Information Director (1988, 89) and he then moved to

Southern Methodist University where he was assistant SID for two years (1989-91).

In 1991 he was offered the position of SID and Sports Marketing Director at North Carolina Central University. After two years at North Carolina Central University the U.S. Olympic Committee saw J. Michael Wilson as a young man that belonged in Colorado Springs, CO. And since that start in 1994, he has been on a merry-go-round.

He served as Village Press Coordinator at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan; the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and the 1994 Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway. He served as editor of the Team USA Newsletter at the 1995 Pan American Games in Mar del Plata, Argentina and was Press Chief in Jaca, Spain. He also served on three U.S. Olympic Festival staffs in San Antonio, TX (1993), St. Louis, MO (1994 and Denver, CO (1995).

"Obviously" said Wilson, "there has been a lot of travel with the job and that is part of the excitement and challenge."

He added, "For whatever I have been fortunate enough to experience in my career, I trace the roots back to my education at Maryland-Eastern Shore and the opportunities I had at Florida A&M, SMU, and North Carolina Central University. I know the Black Colleges of America are so important because they offer opportunities to many African-Americans, opportunities that without that education the initial career chances would never occur."

And for Wilson, he knows it is important to give back to help others. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Greater Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation, the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation, HIS Pikes Peak Challenge for Brain Injury, the Urban League's Minority Opportunities to Strengthen Awareness in Communities, the Springs 2000 Commission and the Pikes Peak United Way Young Leaders Council.

He has not forgotten his roots. He remains a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America and the Black College Sports Information Directors, the Urban League and the NAACP. Said Michael, "They are all important and I feel it is incumbent on each of us to give back to help others." □





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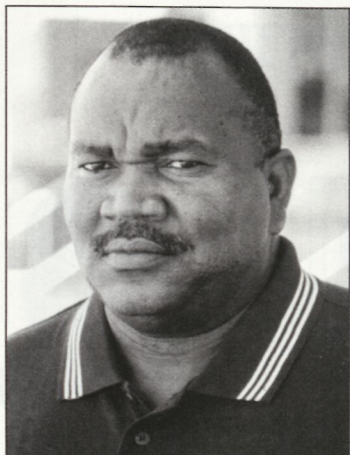
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## DORSEY BRINGS HARD HAT PHILOSOPHY TO PRAIRIE VIEW

If hard work, dedication and determination are any indications of a successful coach, Larry Dorsey is destined to return the Prairie View A&M football program to the pinnacle of athletic excellence it once enjoyed.

The school's 20th head football coach, Dorsey is a non-conventional mentor who at times may be seen coaching from the press box during games, and wears a hard construction hat on the field during practices. He's a firm believer that hard work is essential in the success of any football program.

"I want the players to know that when we hit the field, view films or have team meetings they must be ready to work," said Dorsey. "Some teams might have better talent, but you can make up a lot of the difference if you can out work the opposition"

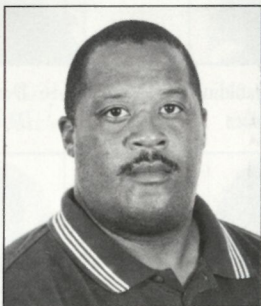
A native of Corinth, Mississippi, Dorsey is in his first season as head football coach at Prairie View A&M University. A 1976 graduate of Tennessee State University, he earned All-American honors in 1974 and 1975 as a receiver. He was selected to participate in the Senior Bowl, Coaches All-Star Classic and the East-West Shrine Classic. In 1977 he was a third round draft of the San Diego Chargers. After two seasons with the Chargers he was traded to the Kansas City Chiefs. He later signed with the Seattle Seahawks in 1979 and the New Orleans Saints in 1980.

Dorsey began his coaching career in 1982 when he joined the staff at Delta State University. While at Delta State, he earned his master's of education degree. Prior to going to Mississippi Valley State, he served as an assistant coach for five years at Delta State. He also spent one season at Mississippi Valley, two years at Arkansas Pine Bluff and one year at the University of Mississippi, all in assistant roles.

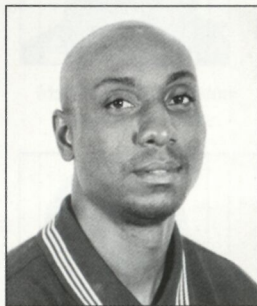
His 1996 squad at Mississippi Valley State had a banner year, posting a 7-4 overall record (5-2 in the SWAC) and finished the season tied for second in the conference standings. The 1996 season was capped by Dorsey being named SWAC coach of the year. His best record as the head coach at Mississippi Valley came in 1991 with a 7-3-1 finish (3-3-1 in the SWAC).

Dorsey has worked at all levels of collegiate football. He's coached in the SWAC, the Gulf South Conference and the Southeastern Conference. He is a member of the American Football Coaches Association, the Mississippi Football Coaches Association, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

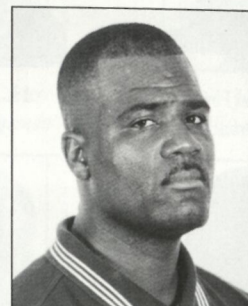
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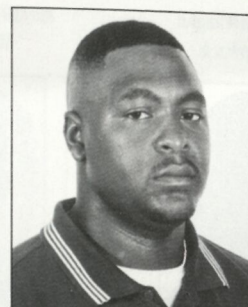
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**Doug Fowlkes**  
*Offensive Line*



**Wayne Ingram**  
*Graduate Assistant*



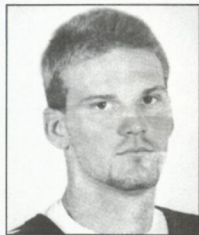


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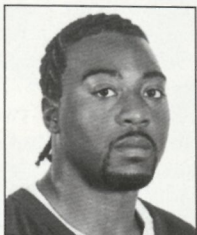


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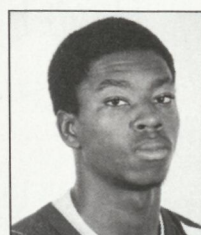
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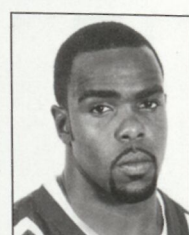
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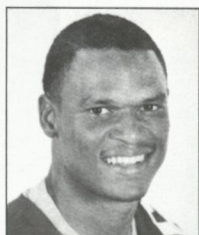
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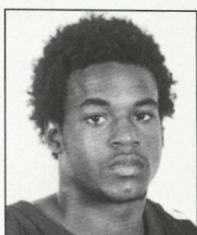
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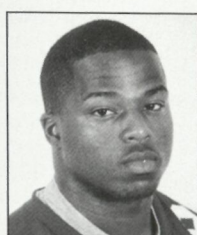
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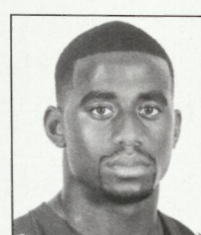
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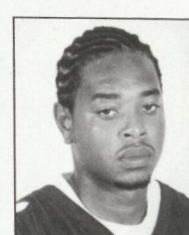
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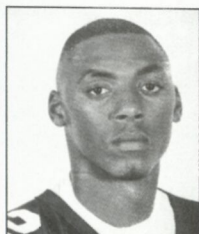
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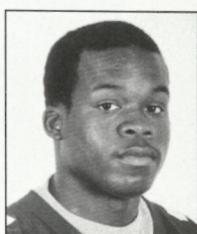
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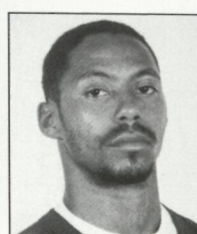
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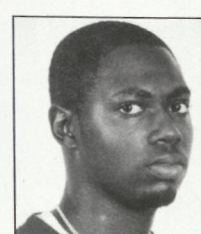
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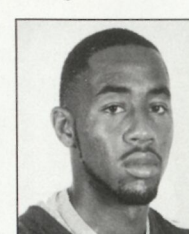
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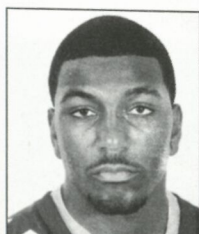
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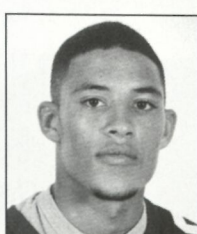
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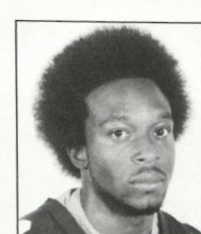
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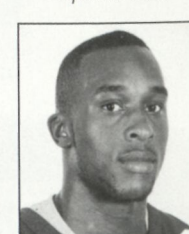
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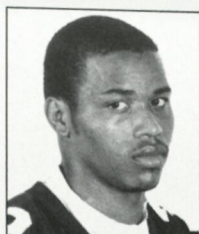
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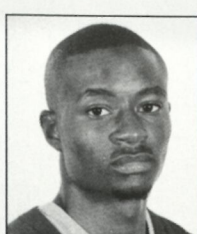
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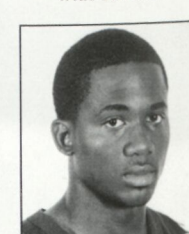
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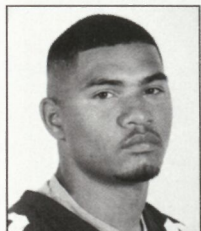


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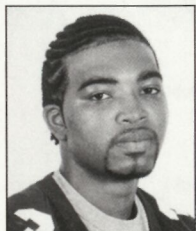


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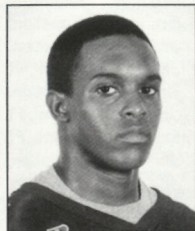
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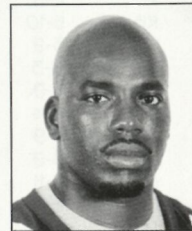
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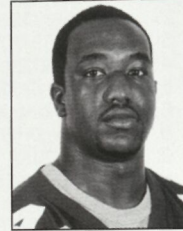
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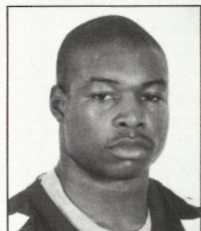
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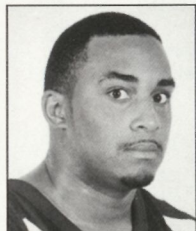
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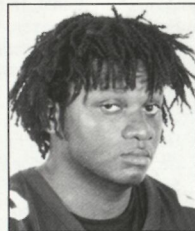
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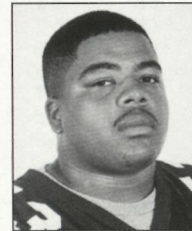
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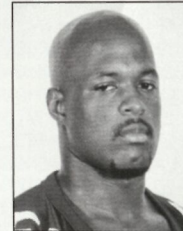
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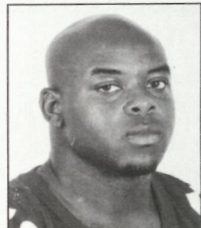
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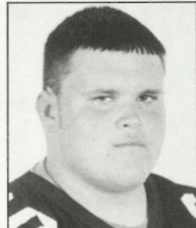
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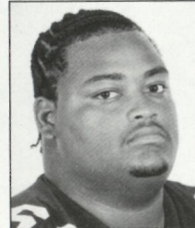
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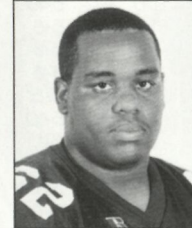
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*Defensive Tackle*



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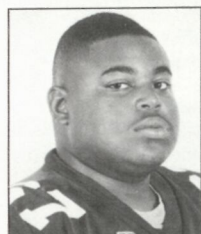
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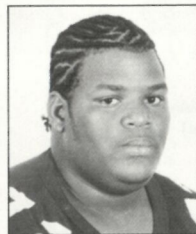
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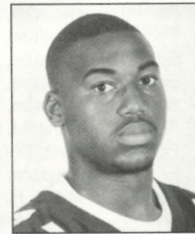
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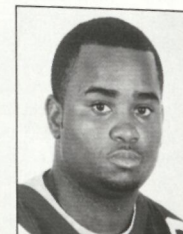
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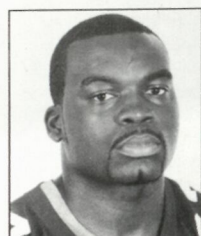
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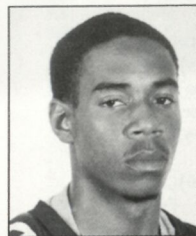
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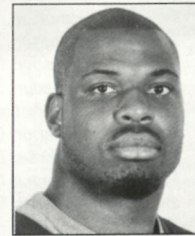
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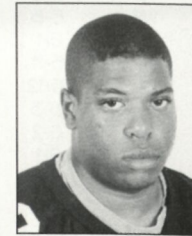
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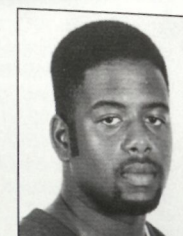
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*Wide Receiver*



91 Dan Morgan  
*Defensive End*



92 Shannon Gray  
*Defensive Lineman*



93 Ralston Simon  
*Defensive End*





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No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown-High School	No	Name
1	Chris DAILEY	K	6-3	198	So.	Richmond, TX (B.F. Terry)	88	Roper AHMAD
2	DeMelvin KELLEY	RB	5-10	189	Sr.	Houston, TX (Sterling)	89	Mitchell ALVIN
3	Damien TERRY	TB	5-9	191	Jr.	Houston, TX (Madison)	90	Sammie AUGUST
4	Bobby PERRY	DB	6-3	183	Jr.	Miami, FL (Carol City)	10	Deshun BAKER
5	Anthony CARR	DB	5-9	175	Sr.	Houston, TX (J. Frank Dobie)	6	Marcus BALLARD
6	Marcus BALLARD	WR	6-4	202	Jr.	Miami, FL (South Dade)	19	Tony BARNES
8	Allynson SHEFFIELD	QB	5-9	170	Fr.	Miami, FL (Miami NW)	33	Kevin BELL
9	Corey LEDAY	LB	5-9	218	Jr.	Houston, TX (Elkins)	44	Donald BROWN
10	Deshun BAKER	QB	5-11	179	Jr.	Houston, TX (North Brook)	94	Jadon BRUNN
11	Thurman ROY	QB	6-0	186	So.	Caldwell, TX (Caldwell)	26	Terrel CARMON
12	Jamaal FOSTER	QB	6-1	204	Jr.	Houston, TX (Elkins)	5	Anthony CARR
13	Damon WILSON	QB	5-10	185	Fr.	Houston, TX (Clearbrook)	62	Lionel CARTER
14	Chris MILLER	LB	6-2	201	Jr.	Houston, TX (Jesse H. Jones)	1	Chris DAILEY
15	Jarrold FRANKLIN	P/K	5-11	194	Sr.	Sulphur Spring, TX (Sulphur Springs)	83	DeJuan DANIELS
16	Derrick MCCULLAR	DB	6-1	165	Jr.	Ennis, TX (West Texas A&M)	81	Robert DOUGLASS
17	Joseph VAUGHN	QB	5-7	175	Fr.	Houston, TX (Westbury)	12	Jamaal FOSTER
19	Tony BARNES	WR	5-9	153	Jr.	San Antonio, TX (East Central)	15	Jarrold FRANKLIN
20	Ahmad McKINNEY	WR	5-10	175	Sr.	Mineral Wells, TX (Mineral Wells)	92	Shannon GRAY
21	Charles THOMAS	DB	5-7	150	So.	Houston, TX (Forrest)	59	DeMarcus GRAYSON
22	Deontay WILSON	WR	5-8	161	Jr.	Miami, FL (Carol City)	41	Kenric HARVEY
23	Carlton WHITE	DB	5-9	164	So.	Miami, FL (Northwestern)	66	Fredrick HILL
24	Cedric PENSON	DB	6-0	166	Jr.	Houston, TX (Westbury)	29	Corey HOOD
25	Jimmie MAXEY	TB	5-6	175	Fr.	Houston, TX (MacArthur)	61	Schredrick HOUSTON
26	Terrel CARMON	DB	6-0	173	Jr.	Houston, TX (Elkins)	53	Justin JACKSON
28	Sidney TAYLOR	DB	5-10	187	So.	Houston, TX (Aldine)	67	Timothy JOHNSON
29	Corey HOOD	CB	5-7	181	Jr.	Hempstead, TX (Hempstead)	47	Lee JONES
30	Brian PORTER	RB	5-10	199	Fr.	Houston, TX (Elkins)	2	DeMelvin KELLEY
31	Reginald ROBINSON	RB	5-8	169	Fr.	Wichita Fall, TX (Hersey)	9	Corey LEDAY
32	Jeremy NELSON	DB	5-10	160		Washington, SC (River Ridge)	60	Brian MARSHALL
33	Kevin BELL	TB	5-8	163	Sr.	Dickerson, TX (Dickerson)	25	Jimmie MAXEY
34	Kenneth WALKER, Jr.	RB	5-8	155	So.	Houston, TX (Aldine)	16	Derrick McCULLAR
35	Billy OVERSHAW	TB	5-8	184	Fr.	Alvin, TX (Alvin)	72	Antwan McKINNEY
37	Stephen SCOTT	DB	5-8	185	So.	Austin, TX (Reagan)	20	Ahmad McKINNEY
40	Aaron SPIVEY-SORRELL	LB	5-10	208	Sr.	Austin, TX (Reagan)	14	Chris MILLER
41	Kenric HARVEY	DE	6-1	224	Sr.	Houston, TX (Worthing)	91	Dan MORGAN
44	Donald BROWN	FB	5-11	208	Fr.	Alvin, TX (Alvin)	32	Jeremy NELSON
47	Lee JONES	LB	5-10	232	Sr.	Patterson, TX (Royal)	35	Billy OVERSHAW
52	Travis WORTHEN	LB	5-11	227	So.	Miami, FL (Northwestern)	24	Cedric PENSON
53	Justin JACKSON	LB	5-11	255	Jr.	Grand Prairie, TX (James Bowie)	4	Bobby PERRY
55	Michael WIGGINS	LB	5-10	222	Sr.	Houston, TX (Yates)	30	Brian PORTER
59	DeMarcus GRAYSON	DT	6-0	289	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK (Douglas)	68	Paul RHODES
60	Brian MARSHALL	OL	6-2	315	So.	Austin, TX (Reagan)	31	Reginald ROBINSON
61	Schredrick HOUSTON	OL	6-2	310	Sr.	Houston, TX (Yates)	63	Samuel ROBINSON
62	Lionel CARTER	OL	6-1	292	So.	Houston, TX (Furr)	11	Thurman ROY
63	Samuel ROBINSON	OL	6-1	302	So.	Houston, TX (Stephen F. Austin)	37	Stephen SCOTT
64	James WALKER	OL	5-11	315	Sr.	Houston, TX (Yates)	8	Allynson SHEFFIELD
66	Fredrick HILL	OL	6-2	306	So.	Houston, TX (Jersey Village)	80	Gardner SHIVERS
67	Timothy JOHNSON	OL	5-10	319	Fr.	Merigold, MS (Cleveland)	93	Raleston SIMON
68	Paul RHODES	OL	6-0	254	Fr.	Alvin, TX (Alvin)	40	Aaron SPIVEY-SORRELL
69	Robert WATSON	OL	5-11	311	Fr.	Houston, TX (Sterling)	28	Sidney TAYLOR
72	Antwan McKINNEY	OL	6-1	305	So.	Miami, FL (Carol City)	3	Damien TERRY
77	Christopher THOMAS	OL	6-1	260	Fr.	Beaumont, TX (Westbrook)	21	Charles THOMAS
80	Gardner SHIVERS	TE	6-2	243	Jr.	Caldwell, TX (Caldwell)	77	Christopher THOMAS
81	Robert DOUGLASS	WR	5-10	162	Fr.	San Antonio, TX (MacArthur)	82	Charles THOMPkins
82	Charles THOMPkins	TE	6-3	248	Jr.	Hempstead, TX (Hempstead)	17	Joseph VAUGHN
83	DeJuan DANIELS	TE	6-3	260	Jr.	Missouri City, TX (Madison)	97	Carl VELOZ
86	Charles WASHINGTON	WR	5-8	142	Fr.	Houston, TX (Dobie)	64	James WALKER
88	Roper AHMAD	WR	6-1	179	Jr.	Houston, TX (Alief Hastings)	34	Kenneth WALKER, Jr.
89	Mitchell ALVIN	WR	5-11	170	Jr.	Missouri City, TX (Elkins)	86	Charles WASHINGTON
90	Sammie AUGUST	DL	5-12	288	Fr.	Missouri City, TX (Dulles)	69	Robert WATSON
91	Dan MORGAN	DE	6-3	263	Sr.	San Antonio, TX (Judson)	23	Carlton WHITE
92	Shannon GRAY	DL	6-2	280	Fr.	Missouri City, TX (Dulles)	55	Michael WIGGINS
93	Raleston SIMON	DE	6-1	230	Fr.	LaPorte, TX (LaPorte)	22	Deontay WILSON
94	Jadon BRUNN	DL	6-0	247	Fr.	Missouri City, TX (Elkins)	13	Damon WILSON
97	Carl VELOZ	DL	6-0	235	Sr.	LaPorte, TX (LaPorte)	52	Travis WORTHEN





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No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown-High School
1	Damian SWAIN	WR	6-1	175	Jr	Jacksonville, FL
2	Keith TISDALE	DB	5-11	180	Jr	Los Angeles, CA
3	Renard ROSS	RB	5-10	180	So	Montgomery, AL
4	Darnell KENNEDY	QB	6-0	180	Jr	Mobile, AL
5	Andrea George WARD	RB	5-10	200	Jr	Los Angeles, CA
6	Kevin TAYLOR	WR	5-11	180	Jr	Memphis, TN
7	Machion SANDERS	DB	5-11	175	So	Montgomery, AL
8	Tim WEATHERSBY	QB	6-0	200	Jr	Laurel, MS
9	Shawn HOLMES	WR	5-11	175	So	New Orleans, LA
10	David BECKFORD	PUNT	6-0	185	So	Hollywood, FL
11	Anthony MACON	DB	5-9	172	So	Jacksonville, FL
12	Quavis TATE	RB	5-11	195	Sr	Ft. Wayne, IN
13	David GREEN	WR	5-9	170	Jr	Tampa, FL
15	Kenneth WATSON	WR	5-9	170	Sr	St. Petersburg, FL
16	Julius HARLEY	DB	6-0	185	Jr	Tallahassee, FL
17	Richard ROWE	DB	5-11	185	So	Selma, AL
18	Eugene JOHNSON	WR	5-11	180	Jr	Houston, TX
19	Roderick CADE	DB	5-10	175	So	Demopolis, AL
20	Lazara HURTADO	PK	5-10	160	Fr	New Orleans, LA
21	Kenard WILLIAMS	WR	5-9	175	So	Mobile, AL
22	Shawn DILLWORTH	DB	6-0	180	Jr	Tampa, FL
24	Greg WASHINGTON	DB	5-10	180	Jr	Tallahassee, FL
25	Michael MOSLEY	DB	5-11	175	So	Hillsboro, AL
26	Michael SAGER	RB	6-0	210	Sr	Cincinnati, OH
27	Izra BROWN	DB	6-3	200	Sr	Panama City, FL
29	Freddie PARKER	OLB	6-2	220	Sr	Millbrook, AL
30	Jamie GRAHAM	DB	6-0	185	Jr	Haynesville, AL
32	Larry BIAS	RB	5-11	185	Jr	New Orleans, LA
33	Adarrell HOWARD	RB	5-11	175	So	Tarrant, AL
34	Charlie GARNER	DB	5-10	185	Jr	Miami, FL
35	Harold FRANKLIN	DB	5-9	183	Sr	Montgomery, AL
36	Levar BELL	DB	6-2	180	So	Eight Mile, AL
37	Ravon BUTLER	DB	6-0	175	So	Garland, TX
38	Walter BUGGS	FB	6-1	230	So	St. Louis, MO
39	Jabari CAMBRIDGE	DB	5-9	175	So	Miami, FL
40	Lafayette SIMPKINS	DB	5-9	172	So	Jacksonville, FL
41	Erlin SANDERS	DB	5-11	180	So	Boca Raton, FL
42	Leonce WILLIAMS	DB	6-0	180	So	Mobile, AL
43	Jamaal FLETCHER	DB	6-2	215	Fr	Labadieville, LA
44	Reginald GLOVER	DB	6-0	180	Fr	Selma, AL
45	Keith SCISSUM	NG	5-11	220	Sr	Attalus, AL
47	Wakeel IDEWA	LB	6-2	215	So	New Orleans, LA
48	Chris DANIEL	LB	6-2	237	Sr	Montgomery, AL
49	Demetrius VAUGHN	OLB	6-2	190	So	Montgomery, AL
50	Eric CAMPBELL	OLB	6-2	215	So	Chicago, IL
51	Derrick ARMSTRONG	OLB	6-4	215	Jr	Los Angeles, CA
53	Keith MILLER	LB	6-3	230	Jr	Los Angeles, CA
54	Zoboye DOCTOR	LB	6-0	220	So	Jacksonville, FL
55	Marquay SMITH	OLB	6-2	215	Jr	Miami, FL
56	Al WALKER	ILB	5-11	225	Fr	Riverdale, GA
57	Tyson RACHEL	DL	6-3	240	So	Hollywood, FL
58	Zaire CLAIRE	OLB	6-2	245	Jr	Los Angeles, CA
59	Chris MAYO	OL	6-2	250	Fr	Selma, AL
60	Eric PATTERSON	DL	6-2	230	So	Union Springs, AL
61	Kevin HARRIS	OL	6-3	295	So	Annisston, AL
62	Allandius WILKERSON	OL	6-3	260	Fr	Athens, TN
63	Chuck LAWTON	OL	6-4	320	Jr	Jacksonville, FL
65	Antonio RICHARDS	OL	6-4	350	Jr	Troy, AL
66	Andreas BROWN	OL	6-5	305	So	Sawyerville, AL
67	Marcus AUTRY	OL	6-4	340	Sr	Ponoto, MS
68	Derrick HASTON	DL	6-3	245	So	Mobile, AL
69	Eric HASTON	DL	6-3	240	So	Mobile, AL
70	Antonio BRADFORD	OL	6-4	280	Fr	Cleveland, TN
71	Terrance BRUMFIELD	OL	6-8	308	Jr	Los Angeles, CA
73	Brett PERDEW	OL	6-5	330	Jr	Los Angeles, CA
74	Maurice STEVENSON	OL	6-8	330	So	Greenville, MS
75	Lloyd CARLTON	OL	6-3	280	Jr	Thomasville, AL
77	Phillip LEE	OL	6-7	290	Jr	Union Springs, AL
78	Vince GONZALEZ	OL	6-4	330	Jr	Los Angeles, CA
79	Wesley GARDNER	OL	6-0	290	So	Miami, FL
80	Alphonso MCKIBBONS	WR	6-0	175	So	Montgomery, AL
81	Charlie ROLLINS	WR	5-9	175	So	Montgomery, AL
83	Freddie MANGUM	WR	6-3	190	Fr	Montgomery, AL
84	Chris COLEMAN	TE	6-3	235	So	Boca Raton, FL
85	Khalid WILSON	OL	6-3	250	Fr	Miami, FL
86	Robert MALONE	DL	6-4	260	Jr	Pritchard, AL
88	Lamar BENSON	TE	6-3	230	Jr	Los Angeles, CA
89	Caesar RAMIREZ	TE	6-3	245	Jr	Los Angeles, CA
90	Earl COCHRAN	DL	6-4	225	So	Bessemer, AL
91	Charles GREEN	DL	6-3	250	So	Los Angeles, CA
94	Richard MCCULLAUGH	DL	6-0	245	So	Mobile, AL
95	Sharmarcus WILCOX	DL	6-4	250	So	Memphis, TN
96	Antwoine WELLINGTON	DL	6-2	250	Sr	Atlanta, GA
97	Brandon MOSS	DL	6-3	220	So	Havanna, FL
98	Gary KELLY	DL	6-5	265	Jr	Detroit, MI
99	Quartez VICKERSON	DL	6-5	225	So	Montgomery, AL
00	Randy LEFEBVER	K	6-3	200	Sr	

No	Name
51	Derrick ARMSTRONG
67	Marcus AUTRY
10	David BECKFORD
36	Levar BELL
88	Lamar BENSON
32	Larry BIAS
70	Antonio BRADFORD
66	Andreas BROWN
27	Izra BROWN
71	Terrance BRUMFIELD
38	Walter BUGGS
37	Ravon BUTLER
19	Roderick CADE
39	Jabari CAMBRIDGE
50	Eric CAMPBELL
75	Lloyd CARLTON
58	Zaire CLAIRE
90	Earl COCHRAN
84	Chris COLEMAN
48	Chris DANIEL
22	Shawn DILLWORTH
54	Zoboye DOCTOR
43	Jamaal FLETCHER
35	Harold FRANKLIN
79	Wesley GARDNER
34	Charlie GARNER
44	Reginald GLOVER
78	Vince GONZALEZ
30	Jamie GRAHAM
91	Charles GREEN
13	David GREEN
16	Julius HARLEY
61	Kevin HARRIS
68	Derrick HASTON
69	Eric HASTON
9	Shawn HOLMES
33	Adarrell HOWARD
20	Lazara HURTADO
47	Wakeel IDEWA
18	Eugene JOHNSON
98	Gary KELLY
4	Darnell KENNEDY
63	Chuck LAWTON
77	Phillip LEE
00	Randy LEFEBVER
94	Richard MCCULLAUGH
80	Alphonso MCKIBBONS
11	Anthony MACON
86	Robert MALONE
83	Freddie MANGUM
59	Chris MAYO
53	Keith MILLER
25	Michael MOSLEY
97	Brandon MOSS
29	Freddie PARKER
60	Eric PATTERSON
73	Brett PERDEW
57	Tyson RACHEL
89	Caesar RAMIREZ
65	Antonio RICHARDS
81	Charlie ROLLINS
3	Renard ROSS
17	Richard ROWE
26	Michael SAGER
41	Erlin SANDERS
7	Machion SANDERS
45	Keith SCISSUM
40	Lafayette SIMPKINS
55	Marquay SMITH
74	Maurice STEVENSON
1	Damian SWAIN
12	Quavis TATE
6	Kevin TAYLOR
2	Keith TISDALE
49	Demetrius VAUGHN
99	Quartez VICKERSON
56	Al WALKER
5	Andrea George WARD
24	Greg WASHINGTON
15	Kenneth WATSON
8	Tim WEATHERSBY
96	Antwoine WELLINGTON
95	Sharmarcus WILCOX
62	Allandius WILKERSON
21	Kenard WILLIAMS
42	Leonce WILLIAMS
85	Khalid WILSON





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## WHEN PVAMU HAS THE BALL

### PVAMU OFFENSE

TE	83	Dejuan Daniels (6-3, 260, Jr.)
	80	Gardner Shivers (6-1, 242, Jr.)
LT	77	Christopher Thomas (6-1, 260, Fr.)
	62	Lionel Carter (6-1, 280, So.)
LG	72	Antwan McKinney (6-1, 290, So.)
	60	Brian Marshall (6-2, 315, So.)
C	61	Schredrick Houston (6-2, 303, Sr.)
	68	Paul Rhodes (6-0, 254, Fr.)
RG	64	James Walker (5-10, 341, Sr.)
	67	Timothy Johnson (5-10, 319, Fr.)
RT	66	Fredrick Hill (6-2, 306, So.)
	63	Samuel Robinson (6-1, 302, So.)
WR	6	Marcus Ballard (6-4, 191, Jr.)
	19	Tony Barnes (5-9, 153, Jr.)
WR	22	Deontay Wilson (5-7, 151, Jr.)
	89	Alvin Mitchell (5-11, 170, Jr.)
QB	12	Jamaal Foster (6-1, 202, Jr.)
	8	Allynson Sheffield (5-9, 170, Fr.)
TB	2	DeMelvin Kelley (5-9, 189, Sr.)
	33	Kevin Bell (5-8, 163, Sr.)
FB	30	Brian Porter (5-10, 199, Fr.)
	42	Daniel Hampton (6-0, 220, Fr.)
K	13	Chris Dailey (6-3, 198, So.)
	15	Jarrold Franklin (5-9, 180, Sr.)

### ALABAMA STATE DEFENSE

CB	22	Shawn Dilworth (6-0, 180, Jr.)
	17	Richard Rowe (5-11, 185, So.)
SE	29	Freddie Parker (6-2, 220, Sr.)
	58	Zaire Claire (6-2, 245, Jr.)
ST	86	Robert Malone (6-4, 260, Jr.)
	95	Shamarcus Wilcox (6-4, 250, So.)
NG	91	Charles Green (6-3, 250, So.)
	45	Keith Scissum (5-11, 220, Sr.)
BT	96	Antwoine Wellington (6-2, 250, Sr.)
	94	Richard McCollough (6-0, 245, So.)
BE	55	Marquay Smith (6-2, 215, Jr.)
	51	Derrick Armstrong (6-4, 215, Jr.)
LC	19	Roderick Cade (5-10, 175, So.)
	2	Keith Tisdale (5-11, 180, Jr.)
SS	27	Izra Brown (6-3, 200, Sr.)
	41	Erlin Sanders (5-11, 180, So.)
SB	56	Al Walker (5-11, 225, Fr.)
	53	Keith Miller (6-3, 230, Jr.)
MB	48	Chris Daniel (6-2, 237, Sr.)
	30	Jamie Graham (6-0, 185, Jr.)
FS	7	Machion Sanders (5-11, 175, So.)
	42	Leonce Williams (6-0, 180, So.)





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## WHEN ALABAMA STATE HAS THE BALL

### ALABAMA STATE OFFENSE

SE	15	Kenneth Watson (5-9, 170, Sr.)
	85	Khalid Wilson (6-3, 250, So.)
LT	77	Phillip Lee (6-7, 290, Jr.)
	74	Maurice Stephenson (6-8, 330, So.)
LG	67	Marcus Autry (6-4, 340, Sr.)
	73	Brett Perdew (6-5, 330, So.)
C	75	Lloyd Carlton (6-3, 280, Jr.)
RG	78	Vince Gonzalez (6-4, 330, Jr.)
	61	Kevin Harris (6-3, 295, So.)
RT	71	Terrance Brumfield (6-8, 308, Jr.)
	66	Aundreas Brown (6-5, 305, So.)
TE	88	Lamar Benson (6-3, 230, Jr.)
	89	Cesar Ramirez (6-3, 245, Jr.)
WR	6	Kevin Taylor (5-11, 180, Jr.)
	18	Eugene Johnson (5-11, 180, Jr.)
HB	32	Larry Bias (5-11, 185, Jr.)
	33	Adarrell Howard (5-11, 175, So.)
QB	4	Darnell Kennedy (6-0, 180, Jr.)
	8	Tim Weathersby (6-0, 200, Jr.)
FB	26	Michael Sager (6-0, 210, Sr.)
	5	Andre George Ward (5-10, 200, Jr.)

### PVAMU DEFENSE

WLB	3	Damien Terry (5-11, 198, Jr.)
	14	Chris Miller (6-2, 200, Jr.)
MLB	52	Travis Worthen (5-11, 224, So.)
	9	Corey Leday (5-10, 227, Jr.)
SLB	40	Aaron Spivey-Sorrells (5-10, 208, Sr.)
	47	Lee Jones (5-10, 232, Sr.)
RT	95	Nicholas Kimble (5-9, 285, Sr.)
	92	Shannon Gray (6-2, 281, Fr.)
LT	59	DeMarcus Grayson (6-0, 289, Sr.)
	90	Sammie August (6-0, 288, Fr.)
LE	91	Dan Morgan (6-2, 259, Sr.)
	94	Jadon Brunn (6-0, 244, Fr.)
RE	41	Kenric Harvey (6-0, 224, Sr.)
	93	Ralston Simon (6-1, 231, Fr.)
SS	5	Anthony Carr (5-9, 175, Sr.)
	29	Corey Hood (5-8, 182, Sr.)
LC	18	Cedric Lincoln (5-10, 166, So.)
	21	Charles Thomas (5-8, 153, So.)
RC	4	Bobby Perry (6-3, 183, Jr.)
	36	Derrick McCullar (6-1, 164, Jr.)
FS	23	Carlan White (5-9, 157, So.)
	26	Terrell Carmon (5-10, 166, So.)
P	15	Jarrod Franklin (5-9, 180, Sr.)
	13	Chris Dailey (6-3, 198, So.)





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# PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 2000-01

## Panther Basketball Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
<i>November</i>			
Mon.	20 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi, TX	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	22 Texas Tech	Lubbock, TX	7:00 p.m.
Tues.	28 Maine	Prairie View, TX	7:00 p.m.
<i>December</i>			
Mon.	4 Texas College	Prairie View, TX	7:00 p.m.
Thur.	7 Wright State	Dayton, OH	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	9 Dayton	Dayton, OH	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	16 *Alcorn State	Lorman, MS	7:30 pm
Mon.	18 *Southern	Baton Rouge, LA	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	30 Tulsa	Tulsa, OK	2:00 p.m.
<i>January</i>			
Sat.	6 Gonzaga	Spokane, WA	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	13 *Grambling State	Prairie View, TX	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	15 *Jackson State	Prairie View, TX	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	20 *Mississippi Valley State	Itta Bena, MS	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	22 *Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, AR	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	27 *Alabama State	Prairie View, TX	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	29 *Alabama A&M	Prairie View, TX	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	31 Texas A&M Corpus Christi	Prairie View, TX	7:00 p.m.
<i>February</i>			
Sat.	3 *Texas Southern	Houston, TX	7:30 p.m.
Tues.	6 *Texas Southern	Prairie View, TX	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	10 *Grambling State	Grambling, LA	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	12 *Jackson State	Jackson, MS	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	17 *Mississippi Valley State	Prairie View, TX	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	19 *Arkansas- Pine Bluff	Prairie View, TX	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	24 *Alabama State	Montgomery, AL	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	26 *Alabama A&M	Normal, AL	7:30 p.m.
<i>March</i>			
Thur.	1 *Southern	Prairie View, TX	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	3 *Alcorn State	Prairie View, TX	7:30 p.m.
Thur.-Sat.	8-10 SWAC Tournament	Biloxi, MS	TBA

\*Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) games. Times listed are local times for host city. For more information call 936/857-2114.

Head Coach: *Elwood Plummer*  
Interim Athletics Director: *Walter Redd*  
Sports Information: *Harlan S. Robinson*



# Black College Men and Women Are Golden In The Olympic Games

Edwin Moses, Wilma Rudolph, Ralph Boston, Wyomia Tyus, Lee Calhoun and Bob Hayes are names so ingrained in American sports folklore that it is not even necessary to remind people of their athletic specialties.

Just drop their names in any conversation about sports immortals and all will be immediately identified as athletes who honored their country by achieving the ultimate, a Gold Medal in the Olympic Games.

What might not be so easily recalled is that all, and many others like them, are the product of America's Black Colleges, men and women athletes who moved from their collegiate campuses to help lead U.S. Olympic teams to remarkable accomplishments.

African-American athletes, whether it be Jesse Owens of Ohio State, Rafer Johnson of UCLA, Michael Jordan of the University of North Carolina, Jackie Joyner-Kersey of UCLA or Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace, have all contributed to the extraordinary success of U.S. Olympic teams, but surely it is safe to say that for over the past 50 years the nation's Olympic teams would not have been as successful without the contribution of the men and women produced by the historically Black Colleges.

The names of Moses, Rudolph, Boston, Tyus, Calhoun and Hayes come quickly to mind because they performed in a more recent era. The Black Colleges, however, have contributed significantly more to the nation's Olympic success story.

Even among astute trivia competitors names such as Alice Coachman, Audrey Patterson, Josh Culbreath, Mae Faggs Starr, Barbara Jones and Catherine Hardy would not be quickly recalled, but, rest assured, they are enshrined forever among Olympic greats.

Fifty-two years ago, Alice Coachman, who attended Albany State University, competed in the 1948 Olympics in London. Alice Coachman was the first Black woman to win an Olympic Gold Medal when she won the highjump with a leap of five feet, six inches, then an Olympic record.

In that same Olympiad, Audrey Patterson was credited as being the first Black woman medallist when she won the Bronze Medal in the 200-meter run. Her event was completed before Alice Coachman won the highjump.

Josh Culbreath, who started running the hurdles while attending Morgan State University, was the start of some great American hurdlers. He was three-time National AAU 400-meter hurdle champion and then captured the bronze medal in the 1956 Olympics.

Four years after Coachman and Patterson paved the way for Black women Olympic athletes, Mae Faggs Starr, who attended Tennessee State University, made her mark in 1952 when she won a Gold Medal on the U.S. 4 x 100 meter relay team. She was the first U.S. woman in history to compete in three Olympic Games.

Historically, Barbara Jones, who was to attend Tennessee State University, became the main story of the 1952 Games. Coming out of St. Elizabeth High School in Chicago, Barbara became the youngest woman in Olympic history to win a track and field event. She was a teenager of 15 when she won the Gold Medal as a member of the 4 x 100-meter relay team. After high school, Barbara enrolled at Tennessee State. She missed the 1956 Olympics but came back strong in 1960 to win another Gold Medal in the same event. All members of that 1960 Gold Medal winning relay team were

Tennessee State University Tigerbells coached by the great coach Ed Temple.

Fact is, no Black College Olympic catalog would be complete without mention of coach Ed Temple. During his tenure of the Tennessee State Tigerbells he coached nine Olympic medallists including Isabelle Daniels, Starr, Jones, Edith McGuire, Madeline Manning, Margaret Matthews, Tyus, Lucinda Williams and Wilma Rudolph.

The 1952 Olympic Gold Medal-winning 4 x 100-meter relay team was anchored by Catherine Hardy, a product of Fort Valley State University's track and field program. Catherine ran the final leg to set a then Olympic record time of 46.14.

Jesse Owens shall always clearly remain the Olympic bellwether of African-Americans who set the standard of Olympic glory when in 1936 he won four Gold Medals, but others followed the path he set.

Edwin Moses, who honed his skills at Morehouse as a hurdler, won over 100 consecutive races in the 400-meter event. He was the world king of this grueling event. He won the Gold Medal in 1976 and astonishingly, eight years later, in the 1984 Olympics, he won the Olympic Gold Medal again.

It seemed that every time Moses ran the 400-meter hurdles, he set a new world record. He eventually lowered the world record to 47.02 in 1983. A year later he was voted the Sullivan Award as America's No. 1 Amateur Athlete.

Then, of course, there is Wilma Rudolph, the remarkable lady who honed her skills at Tennessee State.

Wilma Rudolph was in her own special spacecraft. The earmarks of greatness were there for all to see. In 1956, when the U.S. Track

After their Gold Medal winning performances in the 1960 Olympic Games, Wilma Rudolph and Ralph Boston shared a special moment with then New York City Mayor Robert Wagner.



Team went to Melbourne to compete, Wilma was a 16-year old high-schooler. She was part of the 4 x 100-meter relay team that captured a Bronze Medal. After that, it was all Wilma Rudolph.

Four years later, in the 1960 Olympics in Rome, she put it all together, as she became the toast of America. Wilma won three Gold Medals in the 100-meter dash (11.18, then an Olympic record), the 200-meter run and America's 4 x 100 meter relay team. In 1961 Wilma was voted recipient of the Sullivan Award as America's top amateur athlete.

In that same 1960 Olympics, a young man by the name of Ralph Boston from Tennessee State burst on the scene to win the Olympic long jump with an astounding leap of 25 feet, 7 and 3/4 inches. It was enough for the Gold Medal. He came back to win a long jump Silver Medal in 1964 and was jumping long enough to win a Bronze Medal in 1968.

Wyomia Tyus, another star out of Tennessee State, became the first Olympian, man or woman, to twice capture a Gold Medal in the 100-meter dash. She won the Gold in 1964 and four years later she again won the Gold.

Lee Calhoun of North Carolina Central University was the first man to twice win a Gold Medal in the 110-meter hurdles. He won in 1956 with a 13.7 time that was then an Olympic record and in 1960 he returned to win the Gold Medal again.

Bob Hayes of Florida A&M established himself as the "Fastest Human In The World" when in 1964 he won the Gold Medal in the 100 meter sprint with a 10.06 clocking, then the world record. That year he won another Gold as a member of the 4 x 100-relay team that set a then world record time of 39.06. Hayes then parlayed that speed to become a great receiver with the Dallas Cowboys.

There are many other Black College stars who gained fame in the Olympics. Tyrell Biggs of Hampton won the Super Heavyweight boxing championship in 1984. Pernell Whitaker of Norfolk State also won a Gold Medal in 1984 by taking the lightweight boxing title.

Abebe Bikila of North Carolina Central won Gold Medals as a marathoner in 1960 and 1964. Another North Carolina Central ace, Larry Black, won a Gold in 1972 as part of the 4 x 100-meter relay team. Tennessee State's Chandra Cheeseborough won three medals in 1984, Golds on both the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relay teams and a Silver Medal in the 400 meter run.

Willie Davenport of Southern University maintained America's superiority in the hurdles when he won a Gold Medal in the 110-meter race in 1968. Twelve years later, in the 1980 Winter Olympics, he was a member of America's 4-man bobsled team to become only the fourth person to complete in both the Winter and Summer Games.

James R. Hines of Texas Southern won a Gold in 1968 as a member of the 4 x 100-relay team. Martha Hudson of Tennessee State won a Gold in 1960 as part of the 4 x 100-relay team.

Vincent Edward Matthews of Johnson C. Smith University won a Gold in 1968 on the 4 x 100 meter relay team and then in the 1972 Games he captured a Gold by winning the 400 meter dash in 44.4, then a world record.

Way back in 1956 Tuskegee's Mildred Louise McDaniel won a Gold Medal when she highjumped 5-9 1/4 inches to set what was then Olympic and world records. Edith Marie McGuire, yet another



Morehouse College's Edwin Moses . . . sprinting to a Gold Medal.

Tennessee State standout, won three medals in the 1964 Games, the Gold in the 200 meter sprint, a Silver in the 100 meter dash and a Silver with the 4 x 100 relay team.

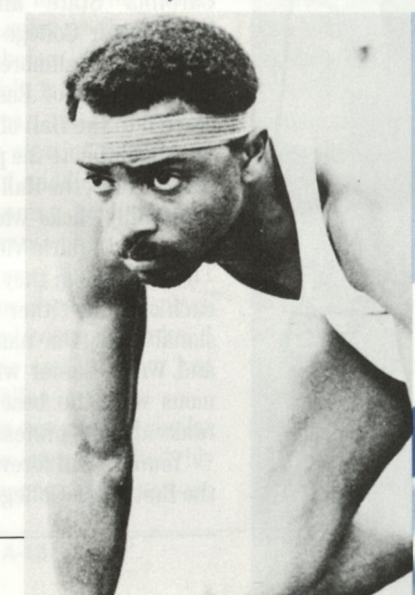
Madeline Manning Mims of Tennessee State in 1968 became the first American woman to win the 800-meter run. In 1972 Rodney Milburn, Jr., came out of Southern University to continue America's dominance in the 110 meter hurdles, winning the Gold with a time of 13.24 that set an Olympic record and tied the world record.

Gold continued for Mildrette Netter of Alcorn State when in 1968 she was part of the champion 4 x 100-relay team. Fred Newhouse, who earned his engineering degree from Prairie View A&M University, won a Gold Medal in 1976 as part of the 4 x 100 meter relay team. Robert Ouko, another North Carolina Central product, won a Gold in 1972 as part of the 4 x 400-relay team.

Grambling's Richard Stebbins won a Gold Medal when he was part of the 1964 4 x 100-relay team that clocked a time of 39.06, then the world record. Eight years later, in 1972, Texas Southern's Robert Taylor won a Gold with the 4 x 100 relay team and a Silver Medal when he was edged out in the 100 meter dash by Russia's great Valery Borzov.

It should not be forgotten that Tennessee State's Willie B. White competed in five Olympics in Melbourne, Rome, Tokyo, Mexico City and Munich. She won two Silver Medals, one in the long jump, the other as a member of the 4 x 100-relay team. □

Robert Taylor of Texas Southern



Bob Hayes of Florida A&M





# Paul (Tank) Younger And Willie Lanier Two More Greats In Hall Of Fame

Paul (Tank) Younger of Grambling State University and Willie Lanier of Morgan State University are the two most recent players from historical Black College ranks to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Younger and Lanier were officially inducted into college football's hallowed shrine at ceremonies held on August 11 at the Hall of Fame located in South Bend.

It was not until 1996 that the National Football Foundation's Board of Directors approved new rules that made it possible for players from NCAA Division I-AA, II, III and NAIA institutions to become eligible. Prior to that time, only players who had performed at NCAA Division I schools were eligible for consideration.

At the time the new rules for eligibility were approved, Bob Casciola, president of the National Football Foundation, said, "It was an outstanding move for college foot-

Grambling's great...Paul (Tank) Younger



ball, for the Hall of Fame and, of course, to give recognition to all those who played football at whatever level of competition. The new rules have enabled the Hall of Fame to induct some of the truly all-time great players of the game."

By any standard of measurement, Younger and Lanier do, indeed, hold status among college football's greatest stars. Also inducted into the Hall of Fame at the August 11 ceremonies was another African-American, Johnny Bailey, a running back who played for Division II Texas A&I (now Texas A&M-Kingsville).

Bailey rushed for 200 yards or more in 13 games during his career and he led the nation in rushing in 1986, 1987 and 1988 and at the end of his college days he was college football's all-purpose yardage leader with 7,803 yards. Bailey went on to play six years in the National Football League for the Chicago Bears, Arizona Cardinals and St. Louis Rams. He twice led the NFL in punt returns and was selected to the NFL Pro Bowl in 1993.

Younger, Lanier and Bailey increase the total to 15 the number of African-American players from NCAA Division I-AA, II, III and NAIA schools to be inducted into the Hall of Fame since the first group was inducted in 1996.

The first inductees in 1996 included Buck Buchanan of Grambling, Tyrone McGriff of Florida A&M, Wilbert Montgomery of Abilene Christian and Walter Payton of Jackson State.

The 1997 honorees were Gary Johnson of Grambling, Bruce Taylor of Boston University, Frank Hawkins of Nevada and Joe Delaney of Northwestern State. The following year Donnie Shell of South Carolina State and Larry Pugh of Westminster College were inducted. Last year, Willie Galimore of Florida A&M and George Floyd of Eastern Kentucky were elected to the Hall of Fame.

In addition to the players honored in the class of 1999, the Hall of Fame inducted the great Billy Nicks who coached at Morris Brown and Prairie View A&M.

Even though they never played against each other at either the college or professional level, the names of Tank Younger and Willie Lanier will always be synonymous with the best of both the college ranks and the professional level.

Younger will forever be remembered as the first Black College player to perform in

the National Football League when in 1949 he was invited to pre-season training camp. Two years earlier, in 1947, the Los Angeles Dons had signed two Black College players, Ezzret (Sugarfoot) Anderson from Kentucky State and John Brown from North Carolina Central, but in the NFL Younger was the first.

As a walk-on, Younger was given a 500-1 chance to earn a position with the Los Angeles Rams, but a lot of people had overlooked the fact that Grambling's level of football was outstanding.

Perhaps the one person who had the most faith in Younger's chances was his Grambling coach, Eddie Robinson. Robinson was 22 years old when in 1941 he was named head coach at what is now Grambling State University.

Grambling, like many colleges, dropped football in 1943 due to World War II. With no team to coach, Robinson turned to coaching the local high school team. That is when Robinson first set eyes on Paul Younger.

Said Robinson; "He was a scared kid then. He was just another guy in class. I guess you might say I forced him to play football. Later, when Grambling resumed football, we were fortunate enough to have him enroll with us."

The homegrown Younger joined Robinson's varsity in 1945. Before Paul Younger finished in 1948 he would go on to score 60 touchdowns and 369 points as Grambling developed into one of the best, toughest football teams in the collegiate ranks. Playing only an 8-game schedule in 1947, Younger lead the nation in rushing with 1,207 yards (better than 150 yards per game average) and would become the first of a long, long line of Grambling players to earn All-America honors.

It was Los Angeles Rams scout Eddie Kotal who, in 1948, saw Younger play in the now defunct post-season Vulcan Bowl. Younger scored three touchdowns and, needless to say, Kotal wanted the Grambling product to get a shot with the Rams.

Recalls Eddie Robinson, "I knew it was a great opportunity, not only for Paul Younger, but if he did well it would open the doors for a lot of other players from the Black Colleges. I told Paul that in the dummy drills, don't stop at 10 yards. I told him to run 25 to 30 yards because the longer he had the ball under his arm, the longer the man is watching you."

The "man" was Rams general manager Tex Schram (who later built a dynasty with the Dallas Cowboys) and Clark Shaughnessy, then the Rams head coach.

It was Rams quarterback Bob Waterfield who triggered the nickname of Tank. It seems Younger one day in 1950 asked Waterfield what he wanted for Christmas and Waterfield replied, "I'd like a tank that runs." Thereafter it was Tank Younger. And in those years, the Rams fielded the most explosive backfield the NFL had seen up to that time.

The Rams had two quarterbacks, Norm Van Brocklin and Waterfield throwing the passes to Tom Fears, Elroy (Crazylegs) Hirsch and track sprinter Bob Boyd. Running the ball was a trio of Bull Elephants, Younger, Vitamin T. Smith and Glenn Davis. In a 12-game season in 1950 that awesome array scored an average of more than 38 points a game.

Younger played at 6-3 and 230 pounds. In today's game of specialists at every position, it is sometimes forgotten that Younger was a two-way player. He was a savage blocker and a tough defensive linebacker. He was the last player selected to both the NFL offensive and defensive All-Star teams.

It was 11 years after Tank Younger had finished his career at Grambling that another great Black College star was to emerge at Morgan State. The 1963 season marked the beginning of the "Willie Lanier Era" for the Golden Bears. A great four-year stretch it was.

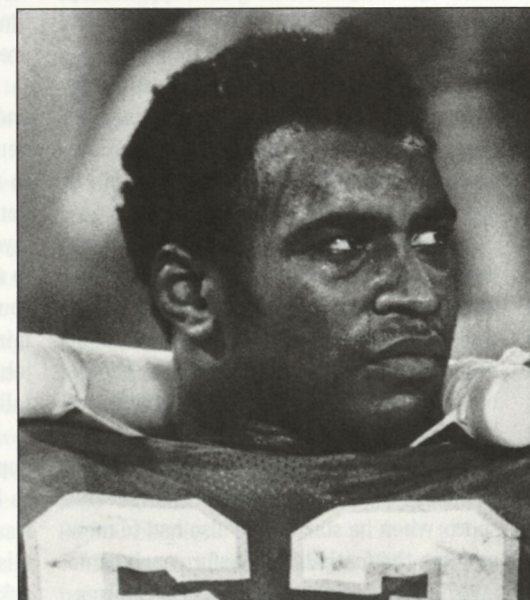
In four seasons playing for the great head coach, Earl Banks, himself a College Football Hall of Fame inductee, Lanier was on the losing side only three times. In his frosh season, Morgan State finished 8-1 and followed that with a 7-2 record in 1964. The next two seasons were perfect, both unbeaten 8-0 records.

Banks, who was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1992, said of his star player, "Willie was probably the best player to come to Morgan State during my coaching era. I was proud to have been associated with Willie. I knew he would do well as a professional player."

Overall at Morgan State, Lanier and his teammates won three conference championships and Willie was elected All-America in his junior and senior years. His last two

teams played in post-season bowl games, winning both, and in the 1965 game held the opposition to zero total offense.

At Morgan State, coach Banks used Lanier on both defense and offense. How good was he? Well, in his junior season, Lanier was the cornerstone of a brutal defensive unit that gave up only 129 yards rushing. That, folks, was not an average. That was 129 yards for the entire eight-game schedule. He still holds the school record of 26 tackles in one game. The following season, as an offensive guard, he helped open more than ample space for Morgan State's running backs to roll up 2,220 yards in eight games, an average of 277 yards a game.



Willie Lanier

After four outstanding seasons under coach Banks at Morgan State, it was time to move on to the next level. The Kansas City Chiefs drafted Lanier as their No. 2 pick. It was a smart choice.

How did he do? Well, for one thing, he became the first African-American player in the NFL to earn a starting position at the demanding role of middle linebacker. Hewitt Dixon, a running back for the Oakland Raiders, remembers Lanier. Dixon said after one game, "It really wasn't that much. Part of me landed one place and rest of me landed someplace else. I pulled myself together and went on just like a mountain had fallen on me."

A lot of NFL runners experienced similar collisions with Lanier who patrolled his territory with a vengeance. In 11 seasons

with the Kansas City Chiefs, Willie Lanier spearheaded a defense that was among the top in the league. His speed, agility and unique feel for the game enabled him to intercept 27 passes, a high number for a middle linebacker. He also recovered 15 fumbles.

Lanier and the Kansas City Chiefs reached a peak when in Super Bowl IV they upended the favored Minnesota Vikings, 23-7. That was in 1970. The game was played at Tulane Stadium before a then-record crowd of 80,562.

Lanier and his Chiefs defensive unit held the Vikings to only 67 yards rushing. Recalls Lanier of that Super Bowl victory, "We knew we had a good defense.

We figured if we held Minnesota to one touchdown and a couple of field goals, we could pull off the upset. It worked out for us because Minnesota scored only the one touchdown. We had eight Black players on defense. It was unheard of at the time. Several of our defensive players also came from small Black Colleges, players such as Buck Buchanan from Grambling, Jim Marsalis who played at Tennessee State and Emmitt Thomas who played at Bishop."

During his career, Lanier played in two AFL All-Star games (before the AFL became part of the NFL) and then was chosen to play in five NFL Pro-Bowls.

The culmination of everything Willie Lanier accomplished during 11 outstanding seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs occurred in 1986 when he was elected to the Professional Football Hall of Fame.

After their careers as active players, both Younger and Lanier moved on to success in other fields. Younger, who currently resides in Los Angeles, went on to become the first African-American to hold the position of assistant general manager, a post he took with the Los Angeles Rams. Lanier, who resides in Midlothian, VA, went on to become senior vice president of First Union Securities.

Both Younger and Lanier stand at the very top of the heap among the players from Black College football ranks. They have set examples for others to emulate. Sheridan Broadcasting Network (SBN) named both Younger and Lanier to its All-Time Black College Football Team. □



# Mississippi Valley's Chuck Prophet: He Goes Out As The Last Iron Man

The name of the community is Itta Bena. According to the latest Randy McNally Road Atlas, it has a population of 2,377. If you want to pinpoint the location, you will find Itta Bena towards the north and west portion of the state of Mississippi, located about equi-distance between the cities of Greenwood (population 18,906) and Indianola (population 11,809).

Itta Bena, when translated, is "Home In The Woods". It was originally an Indian town and the county in which Itta Bena is located in LeFlore County, named after the Indian chief who was once the monarch of the tribe.

Itta Bena is, you will agree, not as well known as, say, Green Bay or Las Vegas, but it boasts of having something no other city in America can claim. It is the home of Mississippi Valley State University, an institution whose roots trace back 53 years to 1947. The student body of 2,500 outnumbers the town's population.

Some people think Jerry Rice put Mississippi Valley and its Delta Devils on the map, even if it's hard to find. Jerry Rice, as you may know, is the extraordinary

Chuck Prophet stands at podium as he talks about naming the Rice-Totten Stadium at MVSU

receiver who got his basic training at Mississippi Valley State and then went on to carve out an exceptional career performing magic for the San Francisco 49ers catching passes from two pretty well-known NFL quarterbacks, Joe Montana and Steve Young.

In a way, Rice did, indeed, help focus attention on Mississippi Valley State, but the people who work every day in collegiate sports know that the real kingpin behind the Delta Devils sports program is Charles Prophet, a man who has served MVSU for the past 29 years.

The unique gentleman known as Chuck Prophet will retire after this season from active participation in Mississippi Valley sports. And when he does, he will be the last of a breed that "doubled in brass".

Chuck started at MVSU as the director of sports information and for the past 14 years has also carried the load as the director of athletics of the institution's 17-sports program.

Either position is unusually demanding. To do both for the past 14 years is an uncommon accomplishment. There was a time, of course, when the pioneers at America's Black Colleges had no choice but to wear numerous hats because of budget constraints.

Grambling's great coach Eddie Robinson, for example, had to coach several sports when he started. He also had to mow and line the football field before each game and he handled the role of sports information man. Heck, the school's president who hired Robinson, Dr. Ralph Waldo Emerson Jones, was also the school's band director. That's how it was.

However, in more modern times, Chuck Prophet is the last to serve as both athletic director and sports information director, and, most likely, those dual responsibilities will never again fall on one person. The last Iron Man.

To Chuck Prophet it seemed rather normal because of his special devotion to Mississippi Valley State. Chuck, you see, was born and raised just one-quarter mile from the school's campus where he would eventually enroll as a student.

First, though, he did a hitch in the U.S. Army and he was 26 years old when he enrolled as a freshman. Says Chuck, "It was something I knew I had to do. After the

time in the U.S. Army, I knew I had to get an education and the choice was not difficult. I wanted to go to Mississippi Valley."

Prophet participated in three sports in high school and continued to play sports in the Army, but when it was time to start his education, he put all that behind to concentrate on his major in social science with a minor in physical education.

After graduation his first job was with the Employment Service in nearby Greenwood. His search for education didn't stop. He went on to earn a Masters Degree in counseling from Mississippi State University.

Landing the job as sports information director at MVSU was itself the result of an unusual circumstance of which legends are made.

Recalls Chuck, "I was back in Itta Bena and Ernest Boykin, who was then president of Mississippi Valley State, asked me to work a party he was hosting. He evidently liked the way I worked and handled myself and after the party was over he said to me 'young man, I've got to find a job for you with us'. He then asked me if I would mind doing the schools sports information job. Frankly, I had no idea what he was talking about."

Prophet found himself intrigued by the opportunity to go back to his alma mater so he went to visit with Bob Hartley, who was then sports information director at Mississippi State University. Said Chuck, "I asked Bob to give me an idea of what the job entailed and he did. When we finished he urged me to take the position. He said, 'you will like it'. The next step was to convince my wife Anna because it meant leaving a sure thing with the Employment Service in Greenwood to a job I knew nothing about."

It was a great move for MVSU and all Black College sports. Chuck Prophet conducted his own on-the-job training and he learned well. Shortly after he started at MVSU he attended his first national meeting of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Within the framework of the CoSIDA organization, the sports information directors of the Black Colleges have their own association, BCSIDA. Because of his natural work ethic, Prophet joined in the BCSIDA activities. He went on to serve six

years as its president and also served seven years on the board of directors.

Says Bill Hamilton, sports information director at South Carolina State University and one of the deans among the nation's SIDs, "Chuck Prophet has always given more than his share. He brought a lot to the table of our organization."

The years have not all been a "gravy train" for Prophet. He put in long hours to help boost the image of MVSU sports. Recalling some of the early years he said, "When I started we didn't have a fax machine and there were no computers to help us keep statistics for all teams. All we had was a telecopier. I carried that telecopier around with me from game to game, be it football, basketball, baseball, track and field. We had to work out our own stats, then get out the game stories to the media. A lot of time was spent on the telephone, long after a game had ended. A couple of times I was accidentally locked in a press box because we had to stay so late. Today, we have more sophisticated equipment to keep us abreast of statistics and game results."

And, of course, there was the "Jerry Rice Era". Says Prophet, "Three of the seasons Jerry Rice played for us, our quarterback was Willie Totten. Those two guys drove me crazy. One time Rice and Totten held 56 different records. Totten would throw for over 600 yards a game and Rice was running wild. The whole country was taking notice of those two guys. We played all over the country. It seems everyone wanted to book us for a game. That's when we had only a telecopier and it was a demanding job satisfying all the media who wanted information after every game those two guys played."

As great as that era was for Prophet and Mississippi Valley, the mid-80s was not as joyful. The State of Mississippi, because of a tight squeeze on funds, was considering closing down the Itta Bena institution. Recalls Prophet, "Because we were the newest of the state's higher education schools, there was serious consideration that we might have to close the doors. In my opinion, we caught a break. Our basketball team in the 1985-86 season was a good one. Those kids won the Southwestern Athletic Conference championship. Because of that regular season,

we got a chance to play in the NCAA tournament. Our opening opponent was Duke, lead by Johnny Dawkins and Duke had the No. 1 ranking in the nation. We were not given any chance whatever."

Despite the heavy odds against, the entire State of Mississippi had developed a fascination for the MSVU team and wanted to see what the Delta Devils would do against Duke.

Prophet said, "By that time I had assumed the athletic director's role and we had to travel to Greensboro, NC to face Duke. It was one heck of a game. Our kids lost by only seven points and back home a lot of prominent people were watching and listening to that game. I think what that 1985-86 basketball team accomplished against Duke helped to save Mississippi Valley State University. Our doors stayed open."

Prophet has many other memories of his tenure at MSVU. He said, "I was very proud when our golf team won our first SWAC championship. Our track and field teams in 1980 and 1981 won back-to-back national NAIA title when we had only nine kids on the squad. We have had fine women's basketball teams. We have a well-rounded program and we've had our share of success. I always remember the football game played in Jackson, MS, against Alcorn. The game drew 86,000 people."

Perhaps, though, Chuck Prophet is proudest of the fact that in both 1998 and 1999 Mississippi Valley State University

was presented the Halbrook Award given for top academic standing among Black athletes. He said, "We work hard to graduate our student athletes. We have been enjoying a graduation rate of 74%."

It was Prophet and several other SWAC representatives, including Grambling's Eddie Robinson and Southern's Marino Casem, who put their heads together to launch a pre-season SWAC press tour. Said Prophet; "To promote football and our conference, each school sent two players, the head coach and each school's sports information director on a tour of all the SWAC cities. The media loved it. We started that 20 years ago."

Prophet has also been active in the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, serving as NACDA's first vice president for football.

More recently, he was selected by Sports Illustrated to serve on the committee that will select annually the recipient of the Eddie Robinson national football Coach of the Year Award.

As to the future after stepping out of his collegiate athletic posture? "I hope to remain in some capacity with Mississippi Valley State University," he said. "It is time to step out of athletics, but I hope to continue to help my university in some capacity."

Yes, Jerry Rice and that 1985-86 basketball team helped to focus more attention toward Itta Bena. But their stay was brief. Charles (Chuck) Prophet has been doing his part for almost three decades. □

Left to right, Jerry Rice, Willie Totten, MVSU president Dr. Lester C. Newman and Chuck Prophet share a moment of pride at ceremonies to dedicate re-naming of football stadium to Rice-Totten





# Black College Conferences Stay Strong

They stand like four Rocks of Gibraltar.

The nation's four major Black College athletic conferences, now with a membership of 43 institutions, have persevered over the decades. While in the last ten years collegiate sports have witnessed a plethora of new conferences, mergers, dropouts and additions, the four Black College Conferences have remained relatively steady.

The grand-daddy of the Black College conferences is the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. This season marks CIAA's 88th year of operation. It is exceeded in age by only the Big 10 Conference.

A year after the CIAA was founded in 1912, the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference was formed and that was two years before the prestigious Pac 10 opened its doors.

In 1919 a third Black College athletic conference was founded, the Southwestern Athletic Conference. This year is the 81st birthday for SWAC.

The newest of the Black College conferences, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, was established in 1970 and that was ten years before the Big East and the Atlantic 10 were even an idea.

Football was the catalyst around which the conferences were established, but today the four conferences compete in a wide variety of sports for both men and women. The participation of women athletes has virtually doubled the scope of the conferences.

Today the only historically Black Colleges still performing as independents are Cheyney University, Central State of Ohio, Langston, Benedict, Morris Brown, Savannah State and Lincoln. Tennessee State is a member of the Ohio Valley Conference and West Virginia State College competes in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

One of the significant changes occurring this season is the naming by the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference of a new commissioner, Robert C. Vowel, who moved into office in July. Vowel replaced Wallace Jackson who had served for 10 years.

Vowel, a young, energetic man with a solid background in sports and management, is a graduate of Duke University where he was a scholarship football player. After his four-year stay at Duke (1976-80) Vowel spent the next few years with the First National Bank of Maryland, but then decided to change his career. In 1985 he enrolled at the North Carolina Central University Law School and emerged three years later with his law degree.

He spent the next two years doing legal work for the State of Tennessee, but was then offered an opportunity to get back into sports. From 1990 to 1994 he was Assistant Athletic Director/Compliance at Vanderbilt University. That led him to the Big 10 Conference where he served for six years as an Associate Commissioner of the nation's oldest conference.

When he accepted the SIAC offer, Vowel said, "I am ecstatic. The SIAC has a rich legacy and history, which gives a great foundation on which to build. It's a challenge and I look forward to it." □



Conference Commissioners are pictured above are, left to right, Leon Kerry CIAA; Robert C. Vowel, SIAC; Rudy Washington, SWAC; and Charles S. Harris, MEAC.

## The Conferences And Their Member Schools

### Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

Bowie State University  
Elizabeth City State University  
Fayetteville State University  
Johnson C. Smith University  
Livingstone College  
North Carolina Central University  
St. Augustine College  
St. Paul's College  
Shaw University  
Virginia State University  
Virginia Union University  
Winston-Salem State University

### Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Albany State College  
Clark Atlanta College  
Fort Valley State University  
Kentucky State University  
Lane College  
LeMoyne-Owen College  
Miles College  
Morehouse College  
Paine College  
Tuskegee University

### Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

Bethune-Cookman College  
Coppin State College  
Delaware State University  
Florida A&M University  
Hampton University  
Howard University  
Morgan State University  
Norfolk State University  
North Carolina A&T State University  
South Carolina State University  
University of Maryland-Eastern Shore

### Southwestern Athletic Conference

Alabama A&M University  
Alabama State University  
Alcorn State University  
Grambling State University  
Jackson State University  
Mississippi Valley State University  
Prairie View A&M University  
Southern University  
Texas Southern University  
University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff





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## PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 2000-01 Lady Panther Basketball Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
<i>November</i>			
Sat.	11 Houston Rage (Exhibition)	Prairie View, TX	5:30 p.m.
Thu.	16 Houston Jaguars (Exhibition)	Prairie View, TX	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	18 *Southern	Baton Rouge, LA	5:30 p.m.
Tues.	21 Southeastern Louisiana	Prairie View, TX	6:00 p.m.
Fri.-Sat.	24-25 Texas A&M-CC Tournament	Corpus Christi, TX	TBA
Thu.	30 Huston-Tillotson	Prairie View, TX	6:00 p.m.
<i>December</i>			
Mon.	4 Texas College	Prairie View, TX	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	16 *Alcorn State	Lorman, MS	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	18 Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, LA	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	20 Stephen F. Austin	Nacogdoches, TX	TBA
Sat.	30 Las Vegas Nevada	Las Vegas, NV	5:00 p.m.
<i>January</i>			
Mon.	8 Texas-Arlington	Arlington, TX	TBA
Sat.	13 *Grambling State	Prairie View, TX	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	15 *Jackson State	Prairie View, TX	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	20 *Mississippi Valley State	Itta Bena, MS	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	22 *Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, AR	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	27 *Alabama State	Prairie View, TX	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	29 *Alabama A&M	Prairie View, TX	5:30 p.m.
<i>February</i>			
Sat.	3 *Texas Southern	Houston, TX	5:30 p.m.
Tues.	6 *Texas Southern	Prairie View, TX	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	10 *Grambling State	Grambling, LA	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	12 *Jackson State	Jackson, MS	8:00 p.m.
Sat.	17 *Mississippi Valley State	Prairie View, TX	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	19 *Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Prairie View, TX	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	24 *Alabama State	Montgomery, AL	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	26 *Alabama A&M	Normal, AL	5:30 p.m.
<i>March</i>			
Thu.	1 *Southern	Prairie View, TX	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	3 *Alcorn State	Prairie View, TX	5:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat.	7-10 SWAC Tournament	Biloxi, MS	TBA

\*Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) games. Times listed are local times in host city. For more information call 936/857-2127.

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